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EL TORO INITIATIVE MAY SPLIT ORANGE COUNTY.

Backers of a local initiative to convert El Toro Marine Corps Air Station into a commercial airport with a wide variety of other uses has qualified for the Nov. 8th ballot --- setting the stage for one of the more costly and politically divisive local elections in So. Calif. And if approved, the El Toro Airport Initiative could have a massive impact on Orange County and the surrounding cities and counties throughout the region...

...The specific aim of the initiative is to change the Orange County general plan to allow 2,000 of El Toro's 4,700 acres to be used for commercial aviation. The initiative also requires that O.C.'s John Wayne Airport remain open. If approved, the big loser would be the El Toro Reuse Planning Authority. This 9-member panel leans against the use of El Toro as a commercial airport --- which is why pro-airport supporters are using the initiative process to bypass the authority...

...The driving force behind this local initiative is The Cmt. for 21,000 New Jobs. Key cmt. members are Marion Knott, George Argyros and Buck Johns. The opposition goes by the name of Taxpayers for Responsible Planning. This will be O.C.'s own version of the "Consultants Full Employment Act of 1994." Working for the YES side is Ellis/Hart, while the NO side has hired Adler/Wilson. More consultants will be hired because there will be money on both side due to a wide open split in the developer community. Cities are split too, with those in the north FOR the airport and those in the south OPPOSED. It's *Civil War*...

...Opponents see the El Toro Initiative as "ballot box planning," which many sources say isn't a particularly good idea. On the other side, this project would be a massive stimulus to the local economy. But down the line this project will impact the region's already stressed infrastructure. We'll update this story in a few weeks...

U.S. HOUSE RACES: FALL ELECTION BATTLES.

Editor's note: This week CALPEEK begins its coverage of the Nov. 8th general election battle for the U.S. House of Representatives. Here is our overview of the situation, along with our list of what to watch...

...The current line-up among the 52-member Calif. House delegation is 30 Demos and 22 Republicans. With the 1992 reapportionment, Republicans should have done much better two years ago, but **choice** and intra-party warfare took its toll. But given the fact that Pres. Bill Clinton's poll numbers are currently down, it won't shock CA Demos if they lose 3-4 seats in 1994, although Demos hope to get lucky once again...

...With the exception of 1 GOPer and 4 Demo incumbents, most all other incumbent CA House members appear safe, but there are both Republican and Demos on CALPEEK's *watch list*. And there are 3 open seats, two currently held by Republicans and 1 by a Demo...

...**Targeted Demos** - On the "A" list of Republicans are Central Valley Demo Richard Lehman, L.A. area Demos Tony Beilenson and Jane Harman; and San Diego area Demo Lynn Schenk. On CALPEEK's *watch list* are No. Calif. Demo Dan Hamburg; Central Coast Demo Sam Farr and that perennial target, George Brown Jr....

...**Targeted Republicans** - On the hit list of Demos is Riverside Co. freshman Ken Calvert, considered one of the most vulnerable House members in the U.S. On CALPEEK's *watch list* are Stockton area freshman Richard Pombo; Roseville area veteran John Doolittle; and Diamond Bar freshman Jay Kim. Some sources also place No. Calif. U.S. Rep. Wally Herger on this list, but he appears fairly strong at this point...

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...And now a brief look at two of the targeted races...

● **43rd C.D.** - This is the district of freshman Ken Calvert of Riverside, who barely survived his primary battle with Joe Khoury. While the registration works in Calvert's favor (41.08% Demo vs. 46.83% GOP), Demo Mark Takano, who almost defeated Calvert in 1992, is the least of Ken's troubles. Remember Bob Lynn? The businessman/retired AF officer, who finished third in the 1992 GOP primary against Calvert, has launched a campaign to qualify as an "independent." Lynn got 8,784 votes in 1992 and he needs about that many names on his petition to qualify. His deadline is around Aug. 12th. If he makes it, bye-bye Ken. Most sources say it would be very difficult for Calvert to survive with Lynn in the race. We'll keep you posted...

● **24th C.D.** - This district which is now represented by longtime House member Tony Beilenson is a seat the Republicans think they can win in November with moderate Rich Sybert. But they thought the same thing in 1992 and Beilenson beat Tom McClintock by a 55.53% to 39.11% margin. To fend off McClintock, Beilenson raised a ton of money and he'll be forced to do it again this year because Sybert is an able fundraiser who has *deep pockets*. By the time this issue of CALPEEK hits up north, Vice Pres. Al Gore will have spoken at Beilenson's most recent fundraiser. But Sybert has a few problems, which may help Beilenson. At this point Sybert doesn't have a united GOP front because 2nd place primary finisher Robert Hammer has refused to endorse Sybert - but that might change. Of more concern is Sybert's links to the district. Fact is, Sybert had first considered running in his hometown of Pasadena, but moved - and then re-registered in the 24th. Carpetbagging was an issue in the June GOP primary and it will surface in the general. Stay tuned...

FULL METAL JACKET: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & GUNS.

Editor's note: With the current CA Legislative session heading for adjournment, it's time to take a brief look at the political infighting over SB 1278. Here is CALPEEK's brief update...

...Of the bills still pending, perhaps the one getting the most attention belongs to State Sen. Gary Hart (D-Santa Barbara). Hart's SB 1278 hits upon a very hot topic: *domestic violence*. The Hart bill provides that persons subject to domestic violence restraining orders

must give up their firearms --- if they own them. Sources say the bill has some major technical and constitutional problems, but sponsors and Sen. Hart are attempting to resolve things...

...But politically, SB 1278 could present real problems for some lawmakers. When Hart's bill came before the Assembly Judiciary Cmt., GOP political strategists were licking their chops, because no matter which way they voted, Assembly Demos Bob Epple and Tom Connolly would get mashed. Ditto GOP Assemblyman Paul Horcher, who couldn't win a popularity contest in the GOP Assembly Caucus if his life depended on it. If they voted NO, women's groups would be outraged --- and if they voted YES, then pro-gun groups would be on the warpath...

...In one of the more savvy power-plays in this session, Assembly gun guru/consultant Bill Cavala got Speaker Willie Brown to appoint himself to the Judiciary Cmt., and together with GOP Assemblyman Stan Statham, they provided the needed votes to move the bill out of committee and the 3 members didn't have to vote. The next big test for SB 1278 is the Assembly W&M Cmt., and here Cavala may try to put a few Republicans into the political food processor. Stay tuned...

CALIF. BALLOT MEASURES ASSIGNED NUMBERS.

Editor's note: The CA SOS's office has assigned numbers to those measures which will be on the Nov. 8th ballot. Here are the numbers and a brief update about the first 3 measures which were placed on the ballot by the State Legislature. Initiative numbers first...

- **Prop. 184** - "3 Strikes" Initiative...
- **Prop. 185** - Public Transportation Trust Fund...
- **Prop. 186** - Single-Payer Health Care Initiative...
- **Prop. 187** - SOS Initiative...
- **Prop. 188** - The Smoking & Tobacco Initiative...

● **Prop. 181** - Passenger Rail & Clean Air Bond Act of 1994. Demo Assemblyman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) was the author of this measure, but asked that it be removed from the November 1994 ballot and be presented to voters at a later date. But Gov. Pete Wilson said NO, so under State law Costa assigned responsibility for the bond act to Wilson. In 1990, voters approved the first of 3 proposed \$1 billion bond measures for transportation purposes. But in 1992, despite spen-

ding \$1 million to promote it, the 2nd bond measure was defeated. Sources tell CALPEEK that the key supporters of these proposals are not willing to put the money up this time. Some sources believe Gov. Wilson wants 181 on the ballot to compete with Prop. 185, sponsored by the Planning & Conservation League (PCL), which calls for a hike in the gas tax, with the money going into a public transportation trust fund...

● **Prop. 182 - CA Housing & Jobs Investment Bond Act.** This \$185 million bond measure was on the ballot in 1993, but was defeated. Part of the language in that bond act stated that if it was rejected, it would be put on another ballot for *reconsideration*. The author is Speaker Willie Brown. Brown carried this bond measure for the CA Assn. of Realtors, who sources say want the measure pulled from the ballot. Again, a NO from Gov. Wilson, but that might change...

● **Prop. 183 - "Recall election: state officers,"** is the official title of this constitutional amendment by State Sen. Milton Marks(D-S.F.). It's a real simple change that gives the governor a *wider window* in which to call a recall election. Under current law, the governor has 60-80 days from the date of qualification. If approved, Prop. 183 would widen the window to 180 days --- provided that the longer period allows for consolidation with a regularly scheduled election. This could save the State & counties big bucks. Stay tuned...

U.S. SENATE RACE: IS HUFFINGTON PRO-CHOICE???

Editor's note: When he first declared for his current U.S. House seat in the 22nd C.D. in 1992, Michael Huffington claimed to be a PRO-CHOICE candidate. *But is he really???* Here is CALPEEK's analysis...

...There was never any doubt where former Congressman Robert Lagomarsino(R) stood on the issue of abortion: he was solidly PRO-LIFE. And this was one of the key issues in that very bitter 1992 primary which divided Lagomarsino and Huffington and their supporters. Huffington claimed to be pro-choice and pounded Lagomarsino's pro-life stance and said that he would support the *Freedom of Choice bill* if elected...

...But when he got to the 103rd Congress, Huffington's 1993 voting record was anything but pro-choice and didn't match his campaign promises, this according to NARAL - the Nat'l Abortion & Reproductive Rights Action League, which tracked 9 key 1993 votes dealing

with abortion and reproductive rights. Huffington earned only a 20% rating by NARAL and voted pro-choice on only 3 of the 9 bills...

...Among his NO votes, he opposed HR25 (the Freedom of Choice Act) to codify the principles of *Roe v. Wade*; and he voted against the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act. In addition, he voted in favor of the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits funds from being spent on abortion except in cases of threats to life, rape or incest. Huffington's pro-choice votes were for the Family & Medical Leave Act(HR1); against parental notification(HR670); and for Title X funds for family planning programs. Bottomline: CARAL, the Calif. Abortion & Reproductive Rights Action League, rated Huffington as an "*unacceptable candidate*." CARAL did the same thing in 1992, but it didn't get much play...

...What's also very interesting is that Huffington has now hired consultant Wayne Johnson of Sacto, who is one of the GOP's most savvy campaign consultants. Johnson also is a hardline conservative, who to our knowledge has *never* been involved in a campaign of a candidate who *professes to be openly pro-choice*. So this too adds to the mystery of where Huffington really stands. Some Demo sources speculate that this confusion over his stand is calculated to win votes on both sides of the abortion issue. Whether he'll be able to get away with this remains to be seen. Hardline conservatives as well as pro-choice voters don't like candidates who waffle on this issue...

...Why is Johnson involved? Some might say it's for the money, but Johnson told CALPEEK that he's always been an advocate for "unity" after the primary. What does Johnson bring to the campaign? Among other things, a very persuasive slate card operation --- *Team for the 90s*, aimed specifically at hardline conservative Republicans. Stay tuned...

NWPC-CALIF. SETS AUG. 12-14 FOR STATE CONFAB.

The Nat'l Women's Political Caucus(NWPC) of Calif. will hold its biennial state convention, Aug. 12-14 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Pasadena. U.S. Senators Barbara Boxer & Dianne Feinstein, along with Demo gubernatorial candidate Kathleen Brown will attend, as well all 7 female members of the CA U.S. House delegation. For info, call Susan Romeo at (818)565-5600...

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

● **The O.J. File** - When it comes to selecting a jury to try accused murderer O.J. Simpson, both the prosecution and the defense may hire "specialists" to do what's known as *jury polling*. It's a special kind of polling that profiles the kind of juror who might be sympathetic to either side. One firm which specializes in this kind of polling is Fairbank Maslin Maullin & Assoc., a firm best known for its work in political campaigns. When CALPEEK asked if they were involved, we got a "no comment." FYI: FMM&A handled polling for Gil Garcetti when he ran for DA in 1992...

● **SOS - Prop. 187 Update** - The chairperson of the bi-partisan U.S. Comm. on Immigration Reform, former TX Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, has given backers of CA's SOS Initiative some positive ammunition. In an L.A. Times story by James Bornemeier, she said illegal immigrants are **not entitled** to benefits. "It is the federal govt.'s responsibility to enforce the border...and it is wrong in issuing mandates for State & local government that the federal govt. refuses to fund." CBS News reported that the commission will recommend the issuance of a nationwide, tamper-proof ID card for all legal residents. The commission's interim report is due in either late August or early September...

● **70th A.D. GOP Write-In Campaign?** - Hard-line conservatives are still fuming over the win by GOP candidate Marilyn Brewer, who is pro-choice. There has been talk of mounting a write-in campaign, but outgoing conservative Assemblyman Gil Ferguson wants no part in it. As for defeated candidate Tom Reinecke, sources say he's thinking it over...

● **Woo Vs. Reilly Lawsuit Alive** - The lawsuit for breach of contract filed by unsuccessful Demo SOS candidate Mike Woo against consultant Clint Reilly is still alive may go to trial in S.F. Superior Court sometime before the next general election, this according to Gibson Dunn attorney Richard Chernick, who represents Woo. Woo filed suit against Reilly after the S.F. consultant dropped Woo from his primary slate card --- this after Woo had already paid Reilly...

● **FPPC Caught In the Crossfire** - Seems that both the CA Republican Party(CRP) and the CA Demo Party(CDP) have gone running to the CA Fair Political Practices Commission(FPPC) in an effort to embarrass each other's gubernatorial candidate. The CRP's complaint against Kathleen Brown is more of a technical thing - accusing the Demo gubernatorial candidate & her cmt. of not properly reporting the \$175,000 she gave to Alice Huffman's PAC --- the Cmt. to Protect the Political Rights of Minorities. Was the money given for "services" or as a contribution to a PAC? The CDP complaint against Pete Wilson involves the governor's use of an expensive Century City condo --- leased by the tax-exempt CA Governor's Foundation. The CDP complaint says the foundation got money from Wilson's campaign & inaugural cmts. Is this legal? And is the condo used when Wilson is in L.A. on campaign trips, or for other purposes as well? Like CALPEEK said, the FPPC is in the crossfire. Stay tuned...



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